

## Message Text

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P 060236Z AUG 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, KS, US

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE ON SECRET STATE  
DEPARTMENT CABLE

REFS: (A) STATE 182650, (B) SEOUL 6520, (C) SEOUL 6583.

1. AT AUGUST 5 NOON BRIEFING SPOKESMAN READ FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT:

"YESTERDAY AT THE NOON BRIEFING I STATED THAT THE  
KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN OVER THE  
INADVERTENT STATE DEPARTMENT RELEASE TO THE L.A. TIMES  
THROUGH THE FOI PROCESS OF A CABLE CONCERNING THE KCIA  
FROM AMBASSADOR SNEIDER IN SEOUL. TODAY, I CAN ADD THAT  
THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED ITS APOLOGY TO THE  
KOREAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE MISTAKEN RELEASE OF THIS  
DOCUMENT."

2. FYI. DEPT RESPONSE AUGUST 4 WAS BASED ON ALMOST TOTAL  
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LACK OF INTEREST IN RELEASE BY AMERICAN PRESS (ONLY  
QUESTION WAS FROM KOREAN REPORTER). WE DID NOT BELIEVE  
ROKG WOULD WISH UNNECESSARY ATTENTION FOCUSED ON  
SENSITIVITY OF TELEGRAM, AND HAD PLANNED TO USE  
GUIDANCE ONLY IF PRESSED. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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